



University of Findlay presentation (below)



Bowling Green State University presentation



# Connecting Alumni and Building Relationships across the State: Ohio-Japan Alumni Network

## Purpose

OH-JAN connects alumni from K-16 Japan-related programs in Ohio (language study, internships and study abroad) with alumni of our own or other schools, educators, students, businesses and the community; members serve as mentors and advocate for careers using Japanese through email, video, webinar, or in-person interactions; supporting the 3,577 students in Japan-related programs at 42 K-16 institutions across the state (OSU Fall 2013: 551 Undergraduate, 85 majors/18 minors and 29 Graduate students).

## Impact

**Create the Network:** Representatives established in 2014 for 8 of the 26 Ohio colleges with Japanese language programs that serve 2,525 students (2012 data), more representatives sought in 2015.

**Mentor:** Arranged 8 alumni to visit 4 colleges to talk about their experiences and advocate careers with a Japanese focus and created 6 videos by alumni posted on OH-JAN website.

**Sustainability:** OH-JAN group establishing long-term sustainability plan by creating a Board of Trustees who will create a nonprofit organization; online presence on Facebook, LinkedIn and website established.

## Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

East Asian Studies Center  
Department of East Asian  
Languages and Literatures  
Institute for Japanese Studies  
Office of International Affairs  
College of Arts and Sciences

## Community Partners Involved

Antioch College  
Bowling Green State University \*  
Case Western Reserve University  
Cleveland State University  
Columbus State Community College  
Cuyahoga Community College  
Denison University  
John Carroll University  
Kent State University  
Kenyon College  
Miami University \*  
Oberlin College  
Ohio Northern University  
Ohio State University  
Ohio University  
Ohio Wesleyan University \*  
Otterbein University  
Owens Community College  
Sinclair Community College  
University of Akron  
University of Cincinnati \*  
University of Findlay  
University of Mount Union  
The University of Toledo \*  
Wittenberg University \*  
Wright State University  
Xavier University

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